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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) VISITING MISSION TO THE U.S.
VIRGIN ISLANDS (VI): DRAFT REPORT

1. LAST WEEK FIJIAN PERMREP AND C-24 VISITING MISSION
CHAIRMAN VUNIBOBO PROVIDED US, IN CONFIDENCE, WITH A COPY
OF THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE C-24 VM TO
THE VI. (POUCHED TO SCHIELE - IO/UNP.) IN ITS PRESENT
FORM, THE REPORT BADLY MISQUOTES AND MISCONSTRUES STATEMENTS
BY GOVERNOR KING AND TENDS TO HIGHLIGHT COMMENTS IN THE
PUBLIC MEETINGS CRITICAL OF THE US WHILE DOWN PLAYING
FAVORABLE COMMENTS.

2. ON JULY 6, AMBASSADOR MCHENRY CALLED ON VUNIBOBO TO
DISCUSS THE MISSION'S VISIT AND REPORT. MCHENRY POINTED OUT
THAT THE US TERRITORIES PRESENT A PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEM FOR
THE UN SINCE THERE IS NO INTEREST IN INDEPENDENCE IN ANY OF
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THEM OR ANY POLITICAL FERMENT FOR SOME KIND OF CHANGE
IN THEIR STATUS. VUNIBOBO RESPONDED THAT HE SAW PARALLELS
BETWEEN US AND FRENCH ATTITUDES TOWARDS THEIR COLONIAL
TERRITORIES.

3. VUNIBOBO SAID THERE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE ANY WISH IN THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS TO BE DISASSOCIATED FROM THE US BUT, ARGUING

AS A "DEVILS ADVOCATE", WONDERED IF THEY REALLY HAD ANY CHOICE. MCHENRY COMMENTED THAT IT IS PERHAPS DIFFICULT FOR OTHERS WITH VERY DIFFERENT COLONIAL EXPERIENCES TO BELIEVE THAT THE INHABITANTS OF US TERRITORIES WANT TO REMAIN PART OF THE US, AND HE EMPHASIZED THE REMARKABLE DEGREE OF FREEDOM THEY ENJOY IN COMPARISON WITH NON-US TERRITORIES.

4. CONCERNING THE REPORT, VUNIBOBO SAID THAT HE DIDN'T THINK WE HAD ANY REASON TO WORRY. HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE GOVERNOR KING LOOK AT THE REPORT TO ENSURE THAT HIS VIEWS ARE ACCURATELY REPRESENTED, SINCE HE DOESN'T WISH TO EMBARRASS THE GOVERNOR IN ANY WAY. MCHENRY AGREED THIS WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. VUNIBOBO SAID HE HOPED TO GIVE US A COPY OF THE LATEST VERSION OF THE REPORT WITHIN A WEEK. HE DID NOT SPECIFY THE PROCEDURE HE WOULD ADOPT TO GET A COPY TO GOVERNOR KING.

5. VUNIBOBO AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DESIRABLE IF GOVERNOR KING COULD APPEAR IN THE C-24 WHEN IT CONSIDERS THE VIRGIN ISLANDS -- PROBABLY IN THE SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST. WE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS ALREADY MOVING ON THIS QUESTION.)

6. WE HAVE PREPARED A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE DRAFT REPORT (COPY POUCHED TO HAMRICK - IO/UNP) WHICH THE
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DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER PROVIDING TO GOVERNOR KING, DEPENDING UPON WHAT THE NEXT VERSION OF THE REPORT LOOKS LIKE.
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